

Senate Resolution 580

By: Senators Shafer of the 48th, Hawkins of the 49th, Mullis of the 53rd, Thomas of the 54th, Orrock of the 36th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 12, 2009, as World Kidney Day at the state capitol; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the main job of our kidneys is to remove toxins and excess water from our
4 blood, and every day, our kidneys filter an average of 200 liters of blood; and

5 WHEREAS, the purpose of World Kidney Day is to raise awareness about the importance
6 of our kidneys and to spread the message that kidney disease is common, harmful, and
7 treatable; and

8 WHEREAS, one million Georgians, or one in nine adults, have kidney disease, with over
9 2,400 awaiting a kidney transplant; and

10 WHEREAS, the National Kidney Foundation of Georgia is fighting kidney disease with
11 year-round programs aimed at preventing kidney and urinary tract diseases and improving
12 the health and well-being of those affected by kidney disease; and

13 WHEREAS, promoting early detection and prevention of kidney disease will be an important
14 step towards achieving the World Health Organization recommended goal of reducing death
15 rates related to chronic kidney disease in the world by 2 percent per year over the next
16 decade.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
18 join in recognizing March 12, 2009, as World Kidney Day at the state capitol and encourage
19 Georgians to take this time to gain a greater awareness of chronic kidney disease.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
21 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the National Kidney Foundation of
22 Georgia.